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In re Application of: Hironori TOMI, et al.

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FILED: November 9, 2001

Examiner: Patricia A. Patten

FOR: COMPOSITIONS FOR RECOVERING HYPOFERTILITY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Official Action mailed on September 10, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in light of the following remarks.

In the Specification

Please add the following:

This application met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. Section 371 on November 9, 2001, and claims priority to PCT International Application PCT/JP00/02940 filed May 9, 2000, which in turn claims the benefit of Japanese application 11/12835, filed May 10, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 16 and 20 as follows:

16. (Amended) A composition for restoring compromised reproductive function comprising an aqueous and/or alcohol extract of Withania somnifera Dunal, wherein the extract contains not less than 1 wt % of alkaloids and not less than 1 wt % withanolides

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*[Handwritten signatures and notes: "Amended B", "P. Patten", "10/031,650"]*